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Agronomy Field Day Draws Crowd of 250

Expressing awareness of public skepticism concerning research projects and the vast sums of money needed for them, James Beattie, Dean of Penn

State's College of Agriculture, said the state of Pennsylvania informed him that it is saving \$1.6 million annually as a result of crownvetch experiments. The cover crop is saving the Department of Transportation considerable expense in establishing and maintaining roadsides. Beattie made the statement while addressing over 200 farmers gathered at Penn State's Agronomy Research Farm for the 1975 Agronomy Field Day, and used it as an example of how experimentation pays for itself.

This year's Agronomy Field Day dealt primarily with: 1. small grains varieties and management; 2. forage crop varieties and management; and 3. weed control and no-tillage methods.

Agronomy experiments are conducted on the University's 190 acres of research land, located approximately eight miles west of State College. The entire area is serviced by an underground irrigation system. In the breeding program to develop new improved varieties of small grains, the major emphasis was on: (1) the development of lodging resistant varieties with short stiff straw, (2) identification of major diseases limiting oat yields and the

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Dieter Krieg

Krieg Named Editor

Dieter Krieg has been appointed editor of Lancaster Farming.

Active in farming for most of his life, Krieg has been employed as farm editor of the Pennsylvania Mirror,

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Ruth Miller the 1974 Lebanon Dairy Princess crowns Brenda Maulfair as her successor during dairy festivities held last Sat. in Lebanon County.

Lebanon Co. Selects 1975 Dairy Princess

By Sally Bair
Feature Writer

Brenda L. Maulfair, Jonestown R1, was named the 1975 Lebanon County Dairy Princess in a climax to a day of dairy activities held at Boscov's department store.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maulfair, Brenda was crowned by the 1974 Princess Ruth Miller. The retiring princess also presented the contestants and winners with their gifts.

Brenda, 16, is a senior at Northern Lebanon High

School and is active in the Bible club, senior chorus, and National Honor Society. She is a member of the Norlebc 4-H Dairy Club and the Pennsylvania Junior Ayrshire Club.

First Alternate in the contest was Brenda Bollinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Bollinger, Fredericksburg Route 1. Brenda is a 1975 graduate of Northern Lebanon High School and is also a member of the Norlebc 4-H Dairy Club.

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Debbie Myers

4-H Leader Sees Program Expanding

by: Melissa Piper

4-H has taken on a new look for Debbie Myers, a young lady from Ephrata. Debbie, who was an active 4-Her herself is now participating in the organization as a leader, which she finds has changed considerably from a few years ago.

Debbie began her 4-H career in Cumberland County as her parents lived near Carlisle. Sewing became her interest and Debbie worked on numerous clothing construction projects as a fifth grade student until the summer of her sophomore year.

When she was 16, her

family moved to Ephrata and Debbie took up 4-H projects once again. Finishing numerous creations before the age limit disqualified her from taking projects.

In dress revue competitions, Debbie participated in regionals her last year in 4-H and won a berth to attend the State competition at Penn State. Debbie's award winning project was a four piece suit made of double knit.

Following her graduation this spring from Mansfield College, Debbie decided to help with the Lincoln Sewing Club which has close to 60

members. Her duties have been to work with those girls who are making a dress with sleeves.

"I have the responsibility of teaching the girls techniques of sewing and also to help them if they have any problems."

"I try to show the girls that there are many ways to accomplish the same thing as people are different and like to try their own ways."

Debbie explained that being a leader is a challenge as there the girls have many different skills which must be adjusted for while teaching.

"One improvement in 4-H

that I like is that we are free to teach the girls different methods."

"In the past it was pretty important to teach one method, but I feel people are different and should know that there are many other ways."

Debbie noted that although the "make a dress with sleeves" project had always been just that, the new lifestyles and fashions has caused changes.

"Now teenagers just don't buy that kind of dresses as jeans are fashion for school."

"For the projects the girls

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Lower Grain Prices Seen For '75 Crop

If normal weather prevails throughout the rest of this crop year, corn, wheat and soybean prices are likely to fall below their present levels, George Blankley told a group of 125 grain dealers, brokers and millers on Monday night. Blankley, from Wayne, Pa., is a trader for Bunge Corp., the giant international grain firm. He was addressing the PennAg Industries Association annual grain meeting at Lancaster's Conestoga-Sheraton.

Combines are already rolling through the soft red wheat fields of South Jersey and Maryland's Eastern Shore, with Pennsylvania fields ready to go any day. Blankley said he expects the soft red crop to hit the 370 million ton mark this year, up seven percent from last year.

Local wheat has been a bigger factor in exports this year, Blankley pointed out, because it's been the best buy on the market. He expects to see another good

export year for soft red winter wheat. "We'll need that export market because we're going to have the biggest crop on record," Blankley said. "If we don't get the crop into export channels, we're going to have a tremendous surplus."

Terminals are in good shape to receive grain right now, Blankley said, and some export sales have already been made. But the big job for all exporters will be to coordinate sales and deliveries.

Nationally, Blankley sees this year's wheat crop up a whopping 16-percent from last year on five-percent more acreage. The depressing effect this should

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4-H Day Winners Announced

With many of the Lancaster County 4-Hers on an exchange trip to Colorado, the annual 4-H Demonstration Day had a light turnout on Tuesday afternoon.

In the junior division of the demonstration contest, Cindy Risser, Leola R1, was awarded a blue ribbon for her demonstration entitled "Salads are Delicious."

Receiving a red ribbon in the same division was Glen Seidman, Lambeth Rd., Lancaster who spoke on "Vital Health Facts for Animals."

Susan Martin, Ephrata 3, presented a public speaking topic on her personal growth

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Debbie Myers, 1128 Lincoln Heights Ave., Ephrata, is a 4-H leader for the Lincoln Sewing Club. The seamstress models one of the outfits which she completed in her advanced sewing classes at Mansfield State College.